



Essex National Heritage Area

Massachusetts

Authorized November 12, 1996

Years since Designation

1996

2002

Management Entity Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc.
(private non-profit corporation)

Management Plan Status approved

Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area 501

2000 Census Data

Data	2000 Census	Percent Change from 1990
<i>Total Population</i>	723,419	+8.0
<i>Persons under 18 Years, Percent</i>	25.2	+6.5
<i>Persons 25-44 Years, Percent</i>	29.9	-9.9
<i>Persons Over 65 Years, Percent</i>	13.9	-1.4
<i>White Alone, Percent</i>	83.1	-9.7
<i>Hispanic Origin, Percent</i>	11.0	+53
<i>Black or African American, Percent</i>	2.6	+8.3
<i>Median Household Income (2000 \$)</i>	52,904	+5.9
<i>Percent Unemployed</i>	3.2	-53.7
<i>Percent Below Poverty Level</i>	15.4	+65.6

Resources Profile

<i>Number of National Register Properties</i>	400
<i>Number of National Historic Landmarks</i>	23
<i>National Natural Landmarks</i>	1
<i>National Park Units</i>	1

Congressional Districts 3

Local Government Units 88



Profile

Essex County is a 500-square-mile area between the Atlantic Coast and the Merrimack Valley. It includes thousands of historic sites and districts that illuminate colonial settlement, the development of the shoe and textile industries, and the growth and decline of the maritime industries, including fishing, privateering, and the China trade. The area also features historic seaports and New England town commons, industrial mills and pristine beaches, renowned museums and wildlife refuges, working farms and natural trails.

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